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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL (A), EMBOFF CALLED ON

A.J. MCGOLDRICK, ASSISTANTE SECRETARY, COMMODITY POLICY

DIVISION , DEPT OF OVERSEAS TRADE (DOT), ON MARCH 11 TO OBTAIN

HIS VIEWS OF CONAKRY CONFERENCE. (DOTREPRESENTATIVE

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AT CONFERENCE, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRIAN HILL, HAD NOT

RETURNED FROM CONAKRY AT TIME OF CONVERSATION.)

2. MCGOLDRICK GAVE EMBOFF STATEMENT ONCONFERENCE BY MINISTER CAIRNS (REFTEL B) RELEASED TO PRESS ON SAME DAY, TO WHICH HE SAID HE COULD ADD LITTLE. MCGOLDRICK DREW ATTENTION TO THREE POINTS IN STATEMENT:

A. IN PARA 3, WORDING QTE FULL AND EFFECTIVE VOICE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION END QTE WAS INTENTIONALLY CHOSE (MCGOLDRICK DRAFTED STATEMENT) TO CONVEY GOA POSITON THAT EVERY MEMBER COUNTRY WILL HAVE IN EFFECT A VETO IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE ASSOCIATION.

B. REFERENCE IN PARA 6 TO THE LDC'S , WHICH ARE A PARTICULAR INTERST OF MINISTER CAIRNS, IS QUALIFIED BY A REFERENCE IN PARA 7 TO QTE THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMING COUNTRIES END QTE.

C. THE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 7 WAS DRAFTED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT AUSTRALIA WOULD NOT SUPPORT ANY MEASURES BY IBA TO QTE GANG UP END QTE ON CONSUMING COUNTRIES. ON OTHER HADN THREE SHOULD BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING BUT THAT AUSTRALIA WAS FIRMLY COMMITTED TO A FAIR AND REASONABLE RETURN TO BAUXITE PRODUCING COUNTRIES FOR THERI EXPORTS.

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